

## Chapter DE 8

### PATIENT DENTAL RECORD RETENTION

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**DE 8.01 Authority and purpose.** The provisions in this chapter are adopted pursuant to authority in ss. [15.08 \(5\) \(b\)](#) and [227.11 \(2\)](#) and ch. [447](#), Stats., to govern the practice of dentists in the maintenance, retention, and destruction of patient dental records.

**History:** CR 14-011: cr. [Register August 2014 No. 704](#), eff. 9-1-14; correction made under s. [35.17](#), Stats., [Register August 2014 No. 704](#).

**DE 8.02 Definitions.** In this chapter:

(1) “Patient” means a person who receives dental services from a licensed dentist or dental hygienist.

(2) “Patient dental record” or “patient health care record” has the meaning given in s. [146.81 \(4\)](#), Stats.

**History:** CR 14-011: cr. [Register August 2014 No. 704](#), eff. 9-1-14.

**DE 8.03 Minimum standards for patient health care record retention.** Patient health care records on every patient administered shall be maintained for a period of at least 10 years after the date of the last entry, unless otherwise required by state or federal law.

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**DE 8.04 Confidentiality of patient health care records.** All patient health care records shall remain confidential as provided in s. [146.82](#), Stats.

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**DE 8.05 Preservation or destruction of patient health care records.** The preservation or destruction of patient health care records shall be in compliance with s. [146.819](#), Stats.

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